

**Minutes of the November 11, 2020 Meeting of the  
Steering Committee of the  
Tiffany Park Neighborhood Association of Renton, Washington**

*These minutes were approved on January 13, 2021.*

Because of state-wide restrictions on gatherings due to COVID-19, the meeting was held as a video conference using Zoom software. Cynthia Garlough hosted the meeting. It was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

Participating: Dave Beedon (outgoing secretary), Charles Dorra (treasurer), Cynthia Garlough (president), Larry Gorg, Darrin Hanson (secretary), Marina Higgins (outgoing co-president), Bill Roenicke (outgoing treasurer), LaTonya Rogers.

Absent: Samantha Hillyer.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1. PRESIDENT'S INTRODUCTION

At the start of the meeting Cynthia talked briefly about her hopes for the Committee, emphasizing her desire to make the work more fun. She congratulated the new officers and thanked Bill and Dave for their work as treasurer and secretary. She also thanked Darrin for his work in creating an on-line membership sign-up process.

2. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Members approved the minutes of the previous Steering Committee meeting (October 1, 2020).

3. MEMBERSHIP

Cynthia noted that she had invited potential committee member Ladaska Burton to the meeting but Ladaska was not present.

4. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Steering Committee will take place at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, January 13, 2021. The idea of having a meeting in December was shelved.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

Let's not forget to notify McLendon's Hardware of the current paid members so they can get their discounts.

#### OTHER BUSINESS (listed alphabetically)

1. ANNUAL MEETING

General consensus was that the annual meeting went well as a virtual event. There were no major glitches. The only shortcoming was use of a QR code in the on-line meeting invitations, which did not work well. A lack of understanding among residents about QR codes might have been an issue. Darrin said that the code should have been limited to the posters attached to street-side sandwich boards.

## 2. CITY'S IDEAS

Cynthia mentioned numerous ideas that she has heard from Drey Hicks of the City of Renton. Of the many ideas, the City's "U Got Elfed" project, got us discussing whether we could do the same sort of thing. This evolved into a discussion about how the Association could help our neighbors (see NEIGHBORHOOD OUTREACH below).

## 3. CRIME

Packages have been stolen from homes on SE 18<sup>th</sup> Street. Three? guys have been seen walking down the middle of the street. Are the thieves following Amazon delivery truck?

## 4. GINGER CREEK PARK

Drey Hicks is still willing to produce signs for the park and pay for them. We have to develop the text.

## 5. GRANTS AND HOURS

Cynthia explained that the City is using a more informal way of re-imbursing us for hours worked. We no longer need to submit a detailed listing of hours worked, but an informal tally can be used as leverage for getting a grant.

## 6. HOLIDAY EVENT

This year we will not stage a Holiday Lights Event or any other event.

## 7. MEMBERSHIP

We could remind the participants of the annual meeting of the benefit of joining.

## 8. NEIGHBORHOOD OUTREACH

How can we help our neighbors, especially those who are struggling financially or otherwise? LaTonya talked about working with Tiffany Park Elementary to stage a drive for basic necessities (batteries, toilet paper, paper towels, other things that food stamps/EBT can't buy).

Cynthia, LaTonya, and Darrin will continue the discussion outside the meeting and connect with Drey Hicks. They are looking for volunteers.

## 9. SIDEWALK CORRIDOR

Larry summarized the progress of cleaning the sidewalk linking Lake Youngs Way with Index Avenue. He and Reid Heimbeck worked two days, one of which was rainy (no one else showed up). On the rainy day Larry worked in the morning and Reid in the afternoon. On the dry day they worked together. They hauled away debris.

How do we get the residents who live next to it to become involved in its maintenance? Non-residents use the corridor for walking dogs, can we interest them by attaching signs to the fence? The sidewalk is on an easement on private property: how does that affect things? Can we improve the corridor by having lighting there?

Solar lights might work. LaTonya is willing to talk to the nearby residents about this. More research is needed.

#### 10. SIGN-UP PROCESS

Darrin noted that sign-ups done on-line are not automatically reported to the treasurer, so they have to be reported “manually.” Otherwise the treasurer will have no visibility of the sign-ups. Darrin will send a list of paid members + membership information to Charles/Bill for processing. Darrin will transfer money from GiveButter to the BECU account.

#### 11. TPNA vs TPHA

Someone mentioned that a resident got confused about the relation of the TPNA and the TPHA. How can we better promulgate the difference between the two? Maybe use the website to do this.

#### 12. WEBSITE

Darrin talked about ideas he has for improving the site: a blog, a search function, and pictures of officers. He is working on them as time permits. Dave noted the two costs associated with the website: our domain name (GoDaddy; renewed annually) and the hosting of the site itself (Weebly; renewed bi-annually). Dave and Darrin will handle transfer of domain/website ownership.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at about 8:15 p.m. (time not recorded)

Minutes were recorded and submitted by Dave Beedon, outgoing secretary.